

Dhaka Day by Day

Grappling with Everyday Problems

by Fayza Haq

The day to day overwhelming problems of mankind are uppermost in the mind of Ratan Mojumdar in his recent exhibition held at the "Panda Gardens". Ratan's most impressive works were in woodcut. In black and white, he has expressed his fears for society around him. In the woodcut "Divided Society" there were patterns in black and white in four different squares. Minute floral and geometrical motifs depicted the variations in society. The rich are getting richer and the poor poorer in a place where the land is distributed and used by those who have influence and power. Those without contacts simply drift through life without making any tangible gains.



Artist holding one of his works

"Portrait of Society" was again a woodcut with small varied motifs showing differences in society by swirling lines and dashes. "Portrait of Society-II" had different signs of living of animals and birds, with their varied footprints. Traces of plant life were also depicted with signs and symbols. "Is there a proper distribution of land - Is the average man getting enough? What is there behind the obvious beauty of the village scenes?" were questions woven around the piece. Ratan said that he was not the type of artist to get pleasure in depicting the obvious beauty of the trees, rivers, boats, birds and village beauties. He was more concerned with the compelling problems that entwine the people and mar their existence. He could not be satisfied with delineating the obviously picturesque and idyllic. His vision was realistic and a penetrating one.

One saw a strange medley of animals and birds in "Competition". They were delineated with precise details. Along with them were various types of chairs and swirling tops. The enigmatic whole was held in a ball. The birds and animals were the audience. This piece symbolised the control of different countries on the nation. The different flags stood for the foreign interests while the swirling chairs represented the different political parties within the country.

There was a political meaning in "Doll Army in Our Culture" too. One saw "nakshikantha" with a number of clay elephants with riders. The stitches of the "nakshikantha" were shown in minute details with floral and peacock motifs. "Our culture is breaking apart but some inherent influences hold it together. Despite all problems - political and economical - our style of life still exists," the artist elaborated. In "Kites" Ratan wanted to break the traditions and delineate kites in a modern way, with new depiction of lines and space distribution. Various geometrical patterns were involved. Apart from the woodcuts the artist had presented some water colours. This included portraits. "Dramatic Face" was one of them which depicted a "bahurupi". Bits of white broke through the background to depict the problems in the life of the subject. "Expiation of Sin" was the face of an unhappy man who had suffered intensely. It had used brown and blue as did the rest of the portraits. "Malice" depicted a woman with cruel curled lips and a mean, nasty look. "Angel Eye" had an outsized eye on a face with a feather included in the delineation. The portraits were all symbolic rather than realistic. "Every artist has a message of his own which he gets from nature and society around. In my works the lines, tones and dots have a different expression and meaning from those used in the works of the other artists. It is the duty of the artists to convey a constructive message for tomorrow," Ratan concluded. The artist has exhibited his works in Australia, China, Japan, Turkey, Germany and UK.



Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) brought out a procession in the city Wednesday demanding execution of 'People's court' verdict against Golam Azam. —Star photo

ECNEC okays 6 projects

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) Wednesday approved six development projects involving a total outlay of Taka 536.34 crore with a foreign exchange component of Taka 399.11 crore, reports BSS.

The approval was given at an ECNEC meeting presided over by Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman at Secretariat Cabinet room in Dhaka.

The approved projects are: 90 mega-watt Sylhet Combined Cycle Power Plant and 100-

mega-watt Mymensingh Gas Turbine Power Plant under the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources. Three Cessco-600 Aircraft Purchase Project and Strengthening of the Bangladesh Atomic Agriculture Research Institution under the Ministry of Agriculture.

Post facto approval of Upazila and Union land office reconstruction and establishment under Land Ministry and 14-storied residential building project for senior police officers at Baily damp, opposite to Park Avenue D M P Head Quar-

ters. The meeting was attended by Agriculture, and Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister M Majid-ul-Haque, LORD and Cooperative Minister Abdus Salam Talukder, Commerce Minister M K Anwar, Industries Minister M Shamsul Islam Khan, Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Kh Mossarraf Hossain, Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan, Cabinet Secretary, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Governor of Bangladesh Bank, Secretaries of concerned Ministries and divisions, members of the Planning Commission and other concerned high officials.

1150 to get BPATC training

A total of 1150 government servants of different levels will be trained up in the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) in the next financial year, reports BSS.

Thirty three training courses include two foundational courses for the new entrants in civil services, four advanced courses on administration development for deputy secretaries, four senior staff courses for joint secretaries, 17 courses on computer application, discipline, conduct and others six seminars and workshops.

This was approved in the meeting of Board of Governors of BPATC held here Wednesday.

Chairman of the Board of Governors and State Minister for Establishment Md Nurul Huda presided over the meeting.

The meeting stressed the need for timely implementation of the work of third phase

of the development project of BPATC taken up at a cost of Taka 43 crore and 22 lakh.

As per directives of the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, the meeting put on special emphasis to explore the ways and means to develop the BPATC as a modern training institution so that the output could be replicated in SAARC and other countries.

The meeting also stressed the need for increasing the present training facilities at BPATC so that the government officials who were being sent abroad for training purposes are to be trained here.

The meeting approved different steps including installation of dish antenna, installation of a symbol of Liberation War at BPATC campus, arrangement of training programme with the assistance of French government, organising seminar and workshop to enrich the accessibility and dignity of the institution.

Noor Uddin back home

Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan returned home Wednesday after a good visit to Turkey, reports BSS.

He led a military delegation, according to an ISPR press release.

During his stay in Turkey, General Noor Uddin Khan called on the Prime Minister, Defence Minister and the Commander of Land Forces of the country and discussed matters of mutual interests.

He visited military formations, defence industries and the Combined War College in Turkey. He also visited places of historical importance in Ankara and Istanbul.

DUJA memo to Pro-VC demanding action against armed attackers

Dhaka University Journalists' Association in a memorandum today urged the varsity authorities to take stern action against those stabbed a DUJA member on May 22, reports UNB.

The university reporters submitted the memorandum to Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr Wakil Ahmed in absence of the VC this noon.

An armed group, allegedly belonging to Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), took Dainik Sangram's DU correspondent Rezaul Islam Reza into the guest room of Jashimuddin Hall and beat and stabbed him seriously. They also saved his head, eyebrow and moustache.

The DU reporters demanded of the university authorities to take administrative action against the attackers.

BRTC special coach for Eid

Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation will introduce special coach service on account of holy Eid-ul-Azha, reports BSS.

The special coach will connect Dhaka with different districts, a BRTC press release said on Wednesday.

Advance tickets will be on sale at BRTC Motijheel Bus Depot (Near Kamalapur Railway Station) from June 1 at 7 am.



Thursday

- 5:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from the Geeta
- 5:30 Sabar Sath
- 6:00 Jiboner Alo
- 6:30 Programme on Jainul Abedin
- 7:05 School Debate
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:40 Drama of the Week
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Drama series: Twin Peaks
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Friday's programme summary
- 11:45 Closing.

Weather

No change in day temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Khulna and Chittagong and at one or two places over Dhaka division during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Wednesday.

Weather may remain mainly dry over the Rajshahi division, Meteorological office forecast.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

Rainfall was recorded at 14 places over the country. The highest rainfall of 24 mm was recorded in Ferni.

The sun sets in Dhaka on Thursday at 6-40 pm and rises on Friday at 5-11 am.

The highest temperature of 32.8 degree Celsius was recorded in Rajshahi yesterday.

Temperature and humidity recorded in important cities and towns on Wednesday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.0	21.3	91	77
Chittagong	30.2	23.6	85	77
Rajshahi	32.8	21.1	74	66
Khulna	29.4	22.0	80	80
Barisal	27.5	20.6	95	86
Cox's Bazar	30.4	24.0	88	80
Sylhet	31.5	22.6	82	66
Rangpur	32.0	23.1	64	66

Ban on Jamaat-Shibir politics demanded

By Staff Correspondent
Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Inu) backed Chhatra League (BCL, Moklesh-Saidur) held a rally at the Aparajeya Bangla premises on the Dhaka University campus demanding ban on Jamaat-Shibir politics in the country.

Presided over by its Central Executive President, Mokleshur Rahman, the rally was addressed, among others, by Executive General Secretary Saidur Rahman Bittul, and central committee members Moshuzzaman Feroz and Rokonzaman.

The speaker urged the government to impose ban on the

politics of Jamaat-e-Islami and to take legal action against it for violating the country's constitution by electing Pakistani citizen Golam Azam as its amir.

They said that Jamaat threatened the independence and sovereignty of the country but this government was showing leniency to this fundamentalist party.

The BCL leaders also urged the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and other students organisations to expel armed activists from their organisation like BCL (M-S).

The BCL also condemned Wednesday's terrorist activists at the Zahurul Huq Hall of the Dhaka University.

মডেল ব্যবসায়িক
বিনিয়োগিক বিজ্ঞানের টেলিভিশন ও বিভিন্ন পত্রিকা
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'Nazrul's songs inspired Liberation War'

KHULNA, May 27: A two-day literary and cultural competition on the occasion of Nazrul Jayanti ended here last night at the Umesh Chandra Public Library here, reports BSS.

Organised by Khulna Bibhago Nazrul Shahittya O Sangcet Parishad, the concluding

ceremony ended with a discussion and cultural soiree.

Presided over by Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Khulna, Osman Ali Khan, the discussion session was participated, among others, by Vice-Chancellor of Khulna University Prof Golam Rahman.

Speaking on the occasion the mayor said Nazrul's songs had inspired our historic liberation war. He said the poet had valiantly fought throughout his life for the distressed and deprived section of people.

He visited military formations, defence industries and the Combined War College in Turkey. He also visited places of historical importance in Ankara and Istanbul.

সোনালী ব্যাংকের শাখা স্থানান্তর

সর্ব সাধারণের অবগতির জন্যে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, সোনালী ব্যাংক, মানিকগঞ্জ শাখা আগামী ৩০/৫/৯২ ইং তারিখে বর্তমান স্থান হতে শহীদ রফিক সড়ক, মানিকগঞ্জ পৌরভবনের বিপরীতে সৈয়দ মার্কেটের নীচ তলায় স্থানান্তর করা হবে এবং ঐদিন থেকেই নতুন অবস্থানে তার স্বাভাবিক কার্যক্রম শুরু করবে।

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Dhaka programme :
Friday, 29th May
5-00 p.m. Ramna Park
Rally,
Oath taking ceremony
and Cultural Function

Participants :
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